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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, please enter the
following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.